

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend claim 1, cancel claims 7 and 11-37, and add claims 38-48, as set forth in the following listing of claims, which will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A connector for attaching a filter cloth to a filter plate in a filter press, comprising:
 a collar portion configured to couple to the perimeter of a central opening on the filter cloth; and
 a tab portion extending at an angle relative to the collar portion configured to engage a recess in the filter plate, wherein the tab portion includes an outer surface that is inclined relative to a longitudinal axis of the connector and wherein the outer surface is configured to abut an inclined surface of the filter plate.
2. (Original) The connector of claim 1, further comprising serrations on an inner surface of the tab portion.
3. (Original) The connector of claim 1, further comprising a lock ring for securing the tab portion in the recess.
4. (Original) The connector of claim 1, wherein the tab portion extends substantially perpendicular to the collar portion.
5. (Original) The connector of claim 1, wherein the collar portion and tab portion are formed of a material selected from the group consisting of rubber, thermoplastic rubber, plastic and mixtures thereof.
6. (Original) The connector of claim 1, wherein the collar portion forms an annular ring having a hole corresponding to a hole of the filter cloth.
7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The connector of claim 1, wherein the collar portion has a substantially flat surface extending perpendicular to a longitudinal axis, which is configured to abut a first side of filter plate.

9. (Original) The connector of claim 1, further comprising a tab clip extending from the tab portion for engaging a bore of the filter plate.

10. (Original) The connector of claim 9, wherein the tab clip includes a first surface extending perpendicular to the tab portion, a second surface extending parallel to a longitudinal axis of the connector and a third and fourth surface extending at an angle relative to the longitudinal axis, wherein the third and fourth surface intersect at to form a point at an end of the connector.

11-37. (Canceled)

38. (NEW) The connector of claim 1, wherein the collar portion is attached to a central opening of a filter cloth.

39. (NEW) The connector of claim 1, wherein the collar portion forms an annular opening that is larger than an opening of a filter plate to which the connector is attached.

40. (NEW) A connector for attaching a filter cloth to a filter plate in a filter press, comprising:

- a collar portion configured to couple to the perimeter of a central opening on the filter cloth;

- a tab portion extending at an angle relative to the collar portion configured to engage a recess in the filter plate; and

- a tab clip extending from the tab portion for engaging a bore of the filter plate, wherein the tab clip includes a first surface extending perpendicular to the tab portion, a second surface extending parallel to a longitudinal axis of the connector and a third and fourth surface extending

at an angle relative to the longitudinal axis, wherein the third and fourth surface intersect at to form a point at an end of the connector.

41. (NEW) The connector of claim 40, further comprising serrations on an inner surface of the tab portion.

42. (NEW) The connector of claim 40, further comprising a lock ring for securing the tab portion in the recess.

43. (NEW) The connector of claim 40, wherein the tab portion extends substantially perpendicular to the collar portion.

44. (NEW) The connector of claim 40, wherein the collar portion and tab portion are formed of a material selected from the group consisting of rubber, thermoplastic rubber, plastic and mixtures thereof.

45. (NEW) The connector of claim 40, wherein the collar portion forms an annular ring having a hole corresponding to a hole of the filter cloth.

46. (NEW) The connector of claim 40, wherein the tab portion includes an outer surface that is inclined relative to a longitudinal axis of the connector and wherein the outer surface is configured to abut an inclined surface of the filter plate.

47. (NEW) The connector of claim 40, wherein the collar portion has a substantially flat surface extending perpendicular to a longitudinal axis, which is configured to abut a first side of filter plate.

48. (NEW) The connector of claim 40, wherein the collar portion is attached to a central opening of a filter cloth.